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STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION BULLETIN

This bulletin is published monthly by the Storm Water Compliance Review Task Force to support the Caltrans maintenance staff in its efforts to achieve and maintain compliance with storm water pollution prevention regulatory requirements.

Storm Water Program Updates: New Statewide Permit and Storm Water Coordinator Conference

Additional information is available in the Caltrans Storm Water Quality Handbooks - Maintenance Staff Guide, or from your District Maintenance Storm Water Coordinator. Questions or comments may be directed to Jack Broadbent, HQ Maintenance Storm Water Coordinator, (916) 653-0361, Roger Churchwell, HQ Environmental Engineering, (916) 653-3653

The Caltrans Statewide Storm Water Permit was adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on July 15, 1999.

A copy of the Statewide permit is available from the SWRCB by calling 916-657-0903 or faxing a request to 916-657-1011. The permit is also available electronically on the SWRCB website: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/>.

Maintenance Program Elements

Many of the new permit requirements are not new but confirm existing programs and practices already being implemented. Some Maintenance Program elements of the new permit include:

- Vegetation Management
- Runoff Management for Existing Roads, Highways and Bridges
- Storm Water System Management – Drain Inlet Cleaning
- Accidental Spill Reporting
- Illicit Connection/Illegal Discharge Detection
- Maintenance Facility Compliance Monitoring
- Facility Pollution Prevention Plans
- Annual Reporting

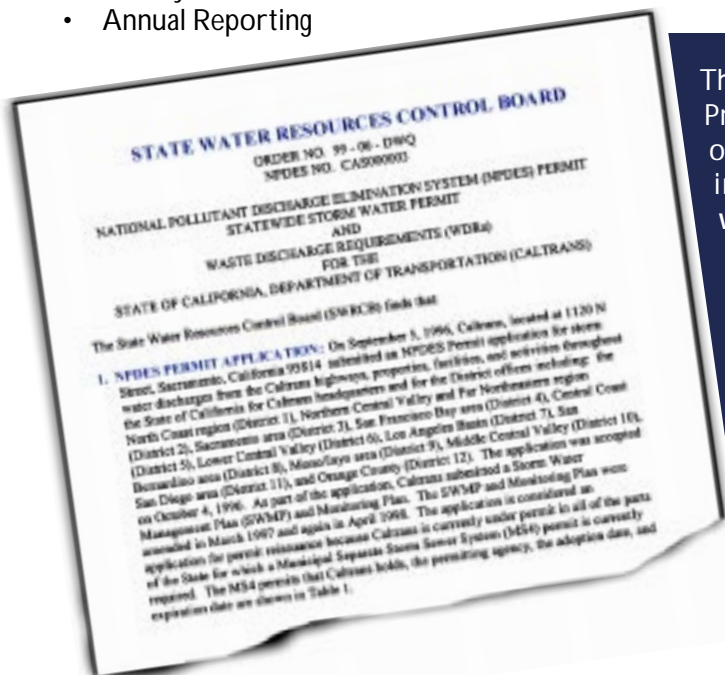
Storm Water Coordinator Conference

Caltrans Maintenance Storm Water Coordinators meet periodically to discuss the Maintenance Storm Water Protection Program. The most recent of these meetings, held on June 1 – 3, 1999 was titled, "Meeting the Challenges of the New Millennium." Presentations included:

- The regulator's viewpoint, presented by Maryanne Jones of the State Water Resources Control Board.
- Resource requirements and other issues regarding the Statewide permit and an update to the hazardous materials program, presented by Headquarters Environmental staff.
- Results of recent BMP pilot studies, maintenance facility and activity inspections, erosion control, and the drain inlet program, presented by consultants.

The conference provided a statewide discussion forum for District Storm Water Coordinators to share concerns and ideas from many perspectives.

The Maintenance Storm Water Pollution Prevention Bulletins are now available on the new Environmental Program internet website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/Environmental/stormwater/index.htm>. Other information on the Storm Water Management Program is available on the website including ongoing projects, other recent publications, conferences and workshops, links to other websites focusing on storm water issues, and other Environmental Program information.



Front page of the new Caltrans Statewide storm water permit.